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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: Smartville, Inc.

Project Title: Accelerate Development of Smartville Second-Life Battery Repurposing Platform

Project Location – Specific: 7835 Trade St

Project Location – City: San Diego, 92121 Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Proposed project includes installation of electrical equipment and modification of the existing battery energy storage system (BESS) at the existing demonstration site while maintaining and supporting existing operations and onsite facility and equipment functions. No trenching is expected to take place.

Smartville will be upgrading electrical equipment within its existing warehouse and laboratory facility to accelerate production of the BESS.

Additionally, Smartville will be performing research and development work in its existing facility. Other work in the project includes development of production procedure report and an assembly facility within the existing building zoned for such work.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Smartville, Inc.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project is exempt under Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, section 15301 because the energy storage capacity will be added to an existing system while maintaining and supporting existing operations and onsite facility and equipment functions. Electrical equipment upgrades will occur within an existing warehouse and laboratory facility. For these reasons, the project will have no significant effect on the environment and fits within section 15301.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elise Ersoy **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0753

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: *Elise Ersoy* **Date:** Sep 14, 2022 **Title:** EGSPS I and RI Acting Supervisor

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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